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**Status**

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _23 October 2008_.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**.  2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-18 and 26-34_ is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) _1-18 and 26-34_ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All  b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1.      Applicant's arguments filed on 10/23/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argument regarding "Kuchta and Iwata do not teach the elements of 'determining a first printable image portion in the input digital image for a first print format having a first aspect ratio, wherein the input digital image has an image width and image height, wherein the first printable portion has a first printable image height substantially the same as the image height and has a first printable image width different from the image width' and 'determining a second printable image portion in the input digital image for a second print format having a second aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio wherein the second printable portion has a second printable image width substantially the same as the image width and has a second printable image height different from the image height'" has been fully considered, in response: "At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the input digital image has an image width and image height, wherein the first printable portion has a first printable image height substantially the same as the image height and has a first printable image width different from the image width and the second printable portion has a second printable image width substantially the same as the image width and has a second printable image height different from the image height. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art, would have expected applicant's invention to perform equally well with Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 height and width,

because both perform substantially the same function of determining first and second

printable portions having different ratios of height and width. Even more, Iwata '665

teaches in Fig. 39, how the printable portion of the image calculated by the Iwata

process could be the same height of the original image and different width as can be

seen by the shaded area in combination with the 8mm extra to the right of the figure and

also can have the same width with different height a second printable image by having

the common are shaded plus the 8mm at the bottom of the image".


### *Claim Objections*

2.      Claims 33 and 34 are objected to because of the following informalities:

(1) claim 33, line 3, "**an** first image" should be – **a** first image --;

(2) claim 34, line 3, "**an** second image" should be – **a** second image --.

Appropriate correction is required.


### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3.      The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can

be found in a prior Office action.

4.      Claims 1-9, 12-16 and 26-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Kuchta (US 5,805,777) in view of Iwata et al. (US 2002/0163665).

(1) regarding claim 1:

Kuchta '777 discloses a method for producing a preview image for printing an

input digital image at different print formats, comprising

determining a first printable image portion in the input digital image for a first print format (column 12, lines 38-43, where option 0 provides with a first preview of the image) having a first aspect ratio (where it uses the scale factor specified by a user);

determining a second printable image portion in the input digital image for a second print format having a second aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio (column 12, lines 54-56 and 60-62, where the image can have a different aspect ratio than the printable area);

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matter as described above except displaying a common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format.

However, Iwata '665 teaches displaying a common printable image portion of the input digital image (Fig. 39 and paragraph [0310], lines 7-17) based on the first printable image portion (paragraph [0310], where the printable image portion of printer 60 is interpreted as the first printable portion) and the second printable image portion (paragraph [0310], where the printable image portion of printers 70 and 80 is interpreted as the second printable portion), wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format (paragraph[ 0318], where after the calculation of the common printable area the print data is sent to the printer 60, 70 or 80 to be printed in the respective print format) or the second print format.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made to display a common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the input digital image has an image width and image height, wherein the first printable portion has a first printable image height substantially the same as the image height and has a first printable image width different from the image width and the second printable portion has a second printable image width substantially the same as the image width and has a second printable image height different from the image height. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art, would have expected applicant's invention to perform equally well with Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 height and width, because both perform substantially the same function of determining first and second printable portions having different ratios of height and width. Even more, Iwata '665 teaches in Fig. 39, how the printable portion of the image calculated by the Iwata process could be the same height of the original image and different width as can be seen by the shaded area in combination with the 8mm extra to the right of the figure and

also can have the same width with different height a second printable image by having

the common are shaded plus the 8mm at the bottom of the image.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify

the method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different

print formats to obtain the specified invention.

(2) regarding claim 26:

Kuchta '777 further discloses a system for producing a preview image for printing

an image print at a plurality of print formats in response to an input digital image,

comprising;

a computer processor (12 in Fig. 1) configured to determine a first printable

image portion in the input digital image for a first print format(column 12, lines 38-43,

where option 0 provides with a first preview of the image) having a first aspect ratio

(where it uses the scale factor specified by a user) and to determine a second printable

image portion in the input digital image for a second print format having a second

aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio (column 12, lines 54-56 and 60-62,

where the image can have a different aspect ratio than the printable area);

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matte as described above except a display

device configured to display a common printable image portion of the input digital image

based on the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion,

wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital

image in the first print format or the second print format.

However, Iwata '665 teaches a display device configured to display a common printable image portion (Fig. 39 and paragraph [0310], lines 7-17) if the input digital image based on the first printable image portion (paragraph [0310], where the printable image portion of printer 60 is interpreted as the first printable portion) and the second printable image portion (paragraph [0310], where the printable image portion of printers 70 and 80 is interpreted as the second printable portion), wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format (paragraph[ 0318], where after the calculation of the common printable area the print data is sent to the printer 60, 70 or 80 to be printed in the respective print format) or the second print format.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made to display a common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the input digital image has an image width and image height, wherein the first printable portion has a first printable image height substantially the same as the

image height and has a first printable image width different from the image width and the second printable portion has a second printable image width substantially the same as the image width and has a second printable image height different from the image height. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art, would have expected applicant's invention to perform equally well with Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 height and width, because both perform substantially the same function of determining first and second printable portions having different ratios of height and width. Even more, Iwata '665 teaches in Fig. 39, how the printable portion of the image calculated by the Iwata process could be the same height of the original image and different width as can be seen by the shaded area in combination with the 8mm extra to the right of the figure and also can have the same width with different height a second printable image by having the common are shaded plus the 8mm at the bottom of the image.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats to obtain the specified invention.

(3) regarding claims 2, 29 and 31:

Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 disclose all the subject matter as described above except wherein the first printable image width is smaller than the image width.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the first printable image width is smaller than the image width. One of ordinary skill in the art, furthermore, would have expected applicant's invention to perform equally well with Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 width, because both perform

substantially the same function of determining first printable portion having different ratio of width. Even more, Iwata '665 teaches in Fig. 39, how the printable portion of the image calculated by the Iwata process could be the same height of the original image and different width as can be seen by the shaded area in combination with the 8mm extra to the right of the figure.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats to obtain the specified invention.

(4) regarding claims 3, 30 and 32:

Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 disclose all the subject matter as described above except wherein the second printable image height is smaller than the image height.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the second printable image height is smaller than the image height. One of ordinary skill in the art, furthermore, would have expected applicant's invention to perform equally well with Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 height, because both perform substantially the same function of determining first printable portion having different ratio of height. Even more, Iwata '665 teaches in Fig. 39, how the printable portion of the image calculated by the Iwata process can have the same width with different height a second printable image by having the common are shaded plus the 8mm at the bottom of the image.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats to obtain the specified invention.

(5) regarding claims 4 and 15:

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matter as described above except further comprising determining the common printable image portion of the input digital image based an overlapping image area between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion.

However, Iwata '665 teaches further comprising determining the common printable image portion of the input digital image based an overlapping image area between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion (P in Fig. 39, where the common printable area its being determined by the overlapped portions of the two images, one from printer 60 and the second from printers 70 an 80).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made to determine the common printable image portion of the input digital image based an overlapping image area between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

(6) regarding claims 5 and 14:

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matter as described above except further comprising determining the common printable image portion of the input digital image by determining one or more unprintable image portions in the input digital image.

However, Iwata '665 teaches further comprising determining the common printable image portion of the input digital image by determining one or more unprintable image portions in the input digital image (paragraph [0309], where by determining the unprintable portions of the images a common printable are it's being determined).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made to determine the common printable image portion of the input digital image by determining one or more unprintable image portions in the input digital image. as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

(7) regarding claims 6 and 13:

Kuchta '777 further discloses determining a maximum area of the first printable image portion in the input digital image (column 12, lines 51-54, where the maximum printable area is being determined and since the method is being performed by a computer (computers perform calculations) it is calculating the maximum printable area).

(8) regarding claims 7 and 16:

Kuchta '777 further discloses selecting a position for the printable image portion in the input digital image for displaying (column 11, lines 44-45).

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matte as described above except a common printable portion.

However, Iwata '665 teaches a common printable portion (P in Fig. 39, where the common printable area its being determined by the overlapped portions of the two images, one from printer 60 and the second from printers 70 an 80).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made to have a common printable portion as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

(9) regarding claim 8:

Kuchta '777 further discloses defining a default position for the printable image portion in the input digital image for displaying (column 11, lines 43-44).

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matte as described above except a common printable portion.

However, Iwata '665 teaches a common printable portion (P in Fig. 39, where the common printable area its being determined by the overlapped portions of the two images, one from printer 60 and the second from printers 70 an 80).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made to have a common printable portion as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

(10) regarding claims 9 and 18:

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matte as described above except producing an image print based on the common printable image portion of the input digital image.

However, Iwata '665 teaches producing an image print based on the common printable image portion of the input digital image (paragraph [0318], where the user can obtain the print outs of the calculated common printable area).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made producing an image print based on the common printable image portion of the input digital image as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

(11) regarding claim 12:

Kuchta '777 further discloses a method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats, comprising:

determining a first printable image portion in the input digital image for a first print format having a first aspect ratio (column 12, lines 38-43, where option 0 provides with a first preview of the image);

determining a second printable image portion in the input digital image for a second print format having; a second aspect ratio different from the first aspect ratio (column 12, lines 54-56 and 60-62, where the image can have a different aspect ratio than the printable area);

selecting a position for the printable image portion in the input digital image for displaying (column 11, lines 44-45);

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matte as described above except a common printable area;

determining an overlapping image portion between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion; and

displaying the common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the overlapping image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format.

However, Iwata '665 teaches a common printable area (P in Fig. 39, where the common printable area its being determined by the overlapped portions of the two images, one from printer 60 and the second from printers 70 an 80);

determining an overlapping image portion between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion (P in Fig. 39, where the common

printable area its being determined by the overlapped portions of the two images, one from printer 60 and the second from printers 70 an 80); and

displaying a common printable image portion of the input digital image (Fig. 39 and paragraph [0310], lines 7-17) based on the first printable image portion (paragraph [0310], where the printable image portion of printer 60 is interpreted as the first printable portion) and the second printable image portion (paragraph [0310], where the printable image portion of printers 70 and 80 is interpreted as the second printable portion), wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format (paragraph[ 0318], where after the calculation of the common printable area the print data is sent to the printer 60, 70 or 80 to be printed in the respective print format) or the second print format.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a t the time the invention was made to have a common printable area, determining an overlapping image portion between the first printable image portion and the second printable image portion, and displaying the common printable image portion of the input digital image based on the overlapping image portion, wherein the common printable image portion is suitable for printing the input digital image in the first print format or the second print format as taught by Iwata '665, in the system of Kuchta '777. With this, the area fitting module 124b restricts the printing area of the intermediate print data into the common printable area, in the case where the printing area defined by the intermediate print data is partly out of the common printable area computed by the printable area (paragraph [0304]).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the input digital image has an image width and image height, wherein the first printable portion has a first printable image height substantially the same as the image height and has a first printable image width different from the image width and the second printable portion has a second printable image width substantially the same as the image width and has a second printable image height different from the image height. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art, would have expected applicant's invention to perform equally well with Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 height and width, because both perform substantially the same function of determining first and second printable portions having different ratios of height and width. Even more, Iwata '665 teaches in Fig. 39, how the printable portion of the image calculated by the Iwata process could be the same height of the original image and different width as can be seen by the shaded area in combination with the 8mm extra to the right of the figure and also can have the same width with different height a second printable image by having the common are shaded plus the 8mm at the bottom of the image

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats to obtain the specified invention.

(12) regarding claim 27:

Kuchta '777 further discloses wherein the first printable image portion in the input image includes is determined based on the first aspect ratio (column 12, lines 38-43, where option 0 provides with a first preview of the image).

(13) regarding claim 28:

Kuchta '777 further discloses wherein the second printable image portion in the input image includes is determined based on the second aspect ratio (column 12, lines 54-56 and 60-62, where the image can have a different aspect ratio than the printable area).

(14) regarding claim 33:

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matte as described above except comprising printing a first image print in the first image format defined by the first printable image portion, wherein the first image print comprises an first image portion unprintable by the second image format.

However, Iwata '665 shows comprising printing a first image print in the first image format defined by the first printable image portion, wherein the first image print comprises an first image portion unprintable by the second image format (in Fig. 39 that the image to be printed by printer 60 would have extra printed image portion more than the format of printers 70 and 80, since formats for each printers are variables and the ones shown are meant to be examples only).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats to obtain the specified invention.

(15) regarding claim 34:

Kuchta '777 discloses all the subject matte as described above except comprising printing a second image print in the second image format defined by the

second printable image portion, wherein the second image print comprises an second image portion unprintable by the first image format.

However, Iwata '665 teaches comprising printing a second image print in the second image format defined by the second printable image portion, wherein the second image print comprises an second image portion unprintable by the first image format (in Fig. 39 that the image to be printed by printers 70 and 80 would have extra printed image portion more than the format of printer 60, since formats for each printers are variables and the ones shown are meant to be examples only).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method for producing a preview image for printing an input digital image at different print formats to obtain the specified invention.

5.      Claims 10-11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuchta (US 5,805,777) and Iwata et al. (US 2002/0163665) as applied to claims above, and further in view of Leone et al. (US 5,596,346).

(1) regarding claim 10:

Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 disclose all the subject matter as describe above except wherein the input digital image includes an image border defining a viewable image portion of the input digital image within the image border.

However, Leone '346 teaches wherein the input digital image includes an image border defining a viewable image portion of the input digital image within the image border (column 1, lines 60-62).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time

the invention was made selecting an image border to be printed with the input digital

image at the print format calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image

for the selected image border and the print format and displaying the printable portion of

the input digital image and the image border for preview prior to printing an image print

having the image border at the print format. as taught by Leone '346, in the system of

Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665. The convenience of this added feature is that after the user

sees and selects the preview options on an image he/she wants to have a finished

product such as an impression thus giving the user freedom to do printouts of images

previously displayed as a preview.

(2) regarding claims 11 and 17:

Kuchta '777 and Iwata '665 disclose all the subject matter as described above

except selecting an image border for the input digital image, wherein the image border

defines a viewable image portion in the input digital image.

However, Leone '346 teaches selecting an image border for the input digital

image, wherein the image border defines a viewable image portion in the input digital

image (column 1, lines 62-66).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time

the invention was made selecting an image border to be printed with the input digital

image at the print format calculating a printable image portion of the input digital image

for the selected image border and the print format and displaying the printable portion of

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product such as an impression thus giving the user freedom to do printouts of images

previously displayed as a preview.

*Conclusion*

6.      **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.**  Applicant is reminded of the extension of time

policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.  In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action.  In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later

than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to LENNIN R. RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is

(571)270-1678.  The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30am

- 6:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, King Poon can be reached on (571) 272-7440. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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